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TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES IN NORTH EASTERN STATES AND JHARKHAND .
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up new post offices, telegraph offices and telephone exchanges with STD facilities in the North-Eastern States and Jharkhand during the current financial year; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD
(a) & (b) Opening of post office is subject to fulfillment of norms and availability of resources under plan. Details of the total number of proposals received for opening post offices, the number of proposals found to be justified, and those opened during the current financial year in North Eastern states and Jharkhand are given in Annexure-I. Under the 10th Plan, post offices are opened through redeployment of existing manpower and by rationalising the existing single or double handed post offices which do not fulfill the distance norms. This is an ongoing process.

Government proposes to set up new telephone exchanges with STD facility in the North Eastern States and Jharkhand during the current financial year 2004-05. However, there is no proposal for opening new telegraph offices in these states during the current financial year.

The details in respect of opening of new telephone exchanges with STD facility in the North Eastern States and Jharkhand during the current financial year 2004-05 is given in Annexure- II.

ANNEXURE -I

NO. OF PROPOSALS PENDING FOR OPENING OF POST OFFICES, NO OF PROPOSALS FOR OPENING OF POST OFFICES FOUND TO BE JUSTIFIED AND NO. OF POST OFFICES OPENED DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR IN NORTH-EASTERN STATES AND JHARKHAND.

Name of State	No. of proposals received for opening of post offices EDBOs	No. of proposals for opening of post offices found to be justified		No. of post office opened during the current financial year			Remarks
							Proposal found justified are under process
	EDBOs	EDBOs	DSOs	EDEOs	EDBOs	DSOs	
Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Assam	2	4	2	4	-	-	
Jharkhand	28	-	-	-	-	1	
Manipur	3	-	-	-	-	-	
Meghalaya	-	-	-	-	-		
Mizoram	-	-	-	-	-	1	
Nagaland	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sikkim	1	-	-	-	-		
Tripura	-	-	-	-	-	2	

ANNEXURE-II

DETAILS OF OPENING OF NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGES WITH STD FACILITY IN THE NORTH EASTERN STATES AND JHARKHAND DURING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL YEAR 2004-05

Sl. No.	Name of Telecom Circle	Name of State	No. of new exchanges proposed to be opened during the current financial year	Remarks (Name of places where exchanges to be opened)
1	North -East -I	Meghalaya	5	Karkutta,Mendel, Nontalang, Lawbah and Umden
2	North -Easrt- I	Tripura	2	Salagarh, Gholagati
3	North -Easrt- II	Manipur	2	Chakpikarong, Sugnu
4	North -Easrt- II	Nagaland	1	Piphema
5	Jharkhand	Jharkhand	4	Dumka (Dande & Deodar) Hazaribagh (Chatro & Riverside)